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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

SHAFFER

Serial No.: 10/002,073

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For: "DYNAMIC ALLOCATION OF  
PROCESSING TASKS USING VARIABLE  
PERFORMANCE HARDWARE PLATFORMS"Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment and Response to address the final Office Action having a mailing date of August 22, 2005. Submitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination, together with authorization to charge the associated fee of \$790.00 to deposit Account No. 50-1602. Please charge any additional fees deemed necessary, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1602.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims are respectfully requested.

<p align="center"><b>CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION</b></p> <p>I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (Fax No. 671-273-8300) on <u>October 24, 2005</u>.</p> <p align="right">SHERIDAN ROSS P.C.</p> <p align="right"><i>Tricia E. Van Hooser</i> Tricia E. Van Hooser</p>
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